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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 71.8 degrees, 0.5 degrees warmer than average for the week ending Sunday, August 13. Precipitation averaged 1.02 inches, 0.13 inches above normal.

Reporters rated 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, August 11. This is 3.0 days behind 1999 and 1.8 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	3.2	4.1	76.2
1999	6.2	6.5	106.7
1995-1999	5.0	6.1	85.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	5	75	19
Last Week	1	13	74	12
Same Week Last Year	40	41	19	0
1995-1999 Average	11	27	53	8

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 13

Corn progressed 30 points to 65 percent in dough, six days behind 1999 but nine days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn is 10 percent dented. This is five days behind last year but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. One percent of corn has been harvested for silage. This is on schedule with 1999 but two days ahead of the five-year average. **Soybeans** are 96 percent blooming, 11 days behind 1999 but three days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Seventy-two percent of soybeans are setting pods. This is nine days behind last year but about three days ahead of the five-year average.

Oats progressed 26 points to 90 percent harvested. This is nine days behind 1999 but two days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Tobacco** producers have topped 63 percent of their crop, ten days ahead of last year. Thirteen percent of the

tobacco crop is harvested, two days ahead of 1999.

Alfalfa hay second cutting is 95 percent complete. This is 13 days behind 1999 but on schedule with the 1995-99 average. Third cutting alfalfa is 32 percent complete, ten days behind last year but three days ahead of the five-year average. **Other hay** second cutting is 81 percent complete. This is two days behind 1999 but five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Other hay third cutting is 17 percent complete, seven days behind last year but six days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Summer apples are 73 percent harvested, about two days behind 1999. **Peaches** advanced 12 points to 61 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year. **Potatoes** are 18 percent harvested, eight days behind last year but on schedule with the 1995-99 average. **Cucumbers** are 50 percent harvested, compared to 61 percent harvested last year at this time. **Processing tomatoes** are 1 percent harvested. This is five days behind 1999 and five days behind the 1995-99 average.

Activities for the week included baling hay and straw; harvesting wheat and oats; reporting crops; seeding filter strips; detasseling corn; mowing wheat stubble; spraying weeds; spreading lime; waterway construction and preparation; mowing weeds and pastures; hauling grain and manure; repairing buildings and equipment; attending and preparing for county and state fairs; marketing grain; picking fresh market vegetables; and preparing for the fall harvest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported weed pressures included Canadian thistle, ragweed, yellow sweet clover, smart weed, milkweed, broadleaf, pokeweed, and hemp dogbane. Reported insects were Japanese beetles, leaf hoppers, slug and maggots, spider mites in vine crops, and corn borers. Reported diseases included root rot, blossom end rot, rust in corn, white mold in soybeans, mildew in pumpkins, early blight on tomatoes, phytophthora in soybeans, blister spot on apples, anthracnose on vine crops, glume blotch in fruit and vegetables, blue mold in tobacco, and gray wall in tomatoes.

Livestock were reported in mostly good to excellent condition throughout the state. Some problems were reported in the Northwest and North Central districts. In Wood county, livestock have been affected by viruses and colds. In Seneca county, soggy pastures and fly problems are placing livestock under stress.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 13

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (summer) harvested	73	78	NA	64	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting	95	100	95	93	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	32	59	28	24	NA
Corn in dough	65	79	41	35	42
Corn dented	10	22	6	4	12
Corn harvested for silage	1	1	0	NA	NA
Cucumbers harvested	50	61	NA	45	NA
Oats harvested	90	99	86	64	59
Other hay 2 nd cutting	81	82	76	71	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	17	25	12	8	NA
Peaches harvested	61	64	NA	49	NA
Potatoes harvested	18	24	18	16	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	1	5	3	NA	NA
Soybeans blooming	96	100	94	91	92
Soybeans setting pods	72	95	66	59	69
Tobacco topped	63	49	NA	40	NA
Tobacco harvested	13	10	NA	6	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 13

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	17	49	26
Previous Week	2	6	17	47	28
Previous Year	9	18	36	31	6
HAY					
Current Week	0	4	20	61	15
Previous Week	0	5	25	54	16
Previous Year	19	29	32	19	1
PASTURE					
Current Week	0	5	23	58	14
Previous Week	1	5	27	55	12
Previous Year	30	31	27	11	1
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	4	10	25	45	16
Previous Week	4	9	25	46	16
Previous Year	6	14	37	36	7

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 13

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	72.1	1.4	0.84	0.05	20.02	4.72	138	-6	2073	-22
North Central	70.9	0.2	0.98	0.14	21.33	5.64	130	-14	1991	-62
Northeast	70.2	0.5	0.49	-0.31	18.80	2.81	126	-12	1874	-70
West Central	71.8	0.4	1.18	0.31	20.06	3.50	136	-11	2170	-6
Central	71.9	0.4	1.20	0.26	18.95	1.85	135	-14	2179	-22
Central Hills	70.4	0.2	0.94	0.04	18.75	1.94	126	-15	1984	-54
Northeast Hills	70.6	-0.1	0.92	0.09	18.95	2.32	127	-16	1976	-95
Southwest	72.7	0.1	1.45	0.51	19.77	2.21	139	-16	2266	-43
South Central	73.6	0.9	0.12	0.19	17.92	0.91	145	-10	2334	4
Southeast	72.3	0.9	0.90	-0.08	16.01	-1.19	139	-9	2182	-18
STATE	71.8	0.5	1.02	0.13	18.95	2.34	135	-12	2118	-35

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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